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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO ABSORPTION OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER- IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS

Before the Examiner
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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of a final office action in this case mailed November 6, 1998. However, a preliminary amendment was submitted on September 18, 1998, which has not been addressed in the office action. Applicant therefore requests that the preliminary amendment be considered, and that a new non-final office action be issued in this case, with the deadlines set for response in the recent office action being vacated.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20531 on December 4, 1988.

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